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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

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The Liverpool auction for American apples on Wednesday, October 9, showed strength at the opening but closed weaker, according to a cable received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. The demand in general was good to active for barreled apples and slow for boxed varieties. Supplies of Virginia York Imperials were heavy but other barreled apples were only in light to moderate supply. Washington Jonathans were in liberal supply but supplies of other boxed stock were light to moderate.

In spite of the heavy supplies of Virginia Yorks they were in good demand and brought from \$5.35 to \$5.84 per barrel for U.S. Commercial 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stock against \$5.60 to \$5.84 last week. Slightly larger Yorks brought from 50 to 70 cents per barrel less, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch minimum ranging from \$4.87 to \$5.11 per barrel. There was an active demand for Virginia Gravensteins during the auction, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch stock in good condition bringing from \$6.57 to \$7.06 per barrel. Poor condition Gravensteins brought from 85 cents to \$1.25 less. The demand for Virginia Grimes showed considerable improvement during the sale, with the bulk of the sales ranging around \$5.60 to \$5.84 per barrel for U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch compared with \$5.11 to \$5.60 last week. Virginia Delicious were in good demand and sold at from \$6.89 to \$7.54 per barrel for U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stock in good condition as against \$7.18 to \$7.30 last week. Considerable quantities of miscellaneous varieties of barreled apples in generally unsatisfactory merchandising condition were offered during the sale and brought from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per barrel.

There was only a light demand for Washington Jonathans during the sale, offerings of Extra Fancy 150/163/175 fruit in good condition bringing only from \$2.60 to \$2.80 per box as against \$3.53 last week. California Newtowns were only in moderate supply but met with a slow demand. Fancy 150/163/175 fruit bringing \$2.31 per box. Supplies of this variety were only in fair condition. The offerings of Oregon Gravensteins this week were in poor color and appearance and consequently met with a slow demand. Fancy 150/163/175 brought only \$1.95 per box as against \$2.92 to \$2.98 for fruit in fair condition last week.

Prices being paid for American boxed and barreled apples in the London and the Glasgow markets are about the same as those prevailing in Liverpool with the exception of Virginia Grimes which are selling at from \$5.84 to \$6.08 in those markets as compared with \$5.60 to \$5.84 in Liverpool. The British Empire Marketing Board reports that the Jaffa orange crop is maturing very early this year and that the first direct shipments are expected to reach the British market during the first week in November.

Prices paid for American fruit in Liverpool on Wednesday, October
3 and 10

Variety and grade	Origin	Price	
		October 3	October 10
		<u>Per barrel</u>	<u>Per barrel</u>
York Imperial:			
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min.	Virginia	\$5.60 - 5.84	\$5.35 - 5.84
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, min.	"	<u>a/</u>	5.35 - 5.84
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, min.	"	<u>a/</u>	4.87 - 5.11
Ben Davis:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min.	"	<u>b/</u> 5.11 - 5.35	5.35 - 5.47
Stayman Winesap:			
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min.	"	5.60 - 6.08	5.84 - 6.08
Gravenstein:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min.	"	<u>a/</u>	6.57 - 7.06
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min.	"	<u>a/</u>	5.72 - 5.84
Grimes:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min.	"	5.11 - 5.60	5.60 - 5.84
Delicious:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, min.	"	7.18 - 7.30	6.89 - 7.54
U.S. Commercial, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min.	"	<u>a/</u>	5.11 - 6.08
Winesap:			
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, min.	"	<u>a/</u>	6.08 - 6.33
Jonathan:		<u>Per box</u>	<u>Per box</u>
Extra Fancy, 150/163/175	Washington	3.53	2.68 - 2.80
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.41	2.31 - 2.86
Fancy, 150/163/175	"	3.16	2.55 - 2.68
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.92 - 3.16	2.25 - 2.55
Combination (Extra Fancy and			
Fancy) 150/163/175	"	3.16 - 3.41	2.55 - 2.68
Combination (Extra Fancy and			
Fancy) 188/smaller	"	2.80 - 3.04	2.49 - 2.62
C Grade, 150/180	"	<u>a/</u>	2.19
C Grade, 188/smaller	"	<u>a/</u>	1.95 - 2.13
Gravenstein:			
Fancy, 150/163/175	Oregon	<u>b/</u> 2.92 - 2.98	<u>c/</u> 1.95
C Grade, 150/180	"	<u>a/</u>	<u>c/</u> 1.52
Yellow Newtown:			
Fancy, 150/163/175	California	<u>a/</u>	<u>b/</u> 2.31
		<u>Per half box</u>	<u>Per half box</u>
Comice Pears	"	<u>a/</u>	2.55 - 2.80
		<u>Per box</u>	<u>Per box</u>
Comice Pears	"	<u>a/</u>	5.47
D'Anjou, C Grade, 150/180	Oregon	<u>a/</u>	4.32 - 4.87
		<u>Per barrel</u>	<u>Per barrel</u>
Keiffer Pears	New York	<u>a/</u>	5.11 - 6.08
		<u>Per case</u>	<u>Per case</u>
Grapefruit	Jamaica	4.74 - 5.84	5.60 - 6.20
Grapefruit	Porto Rico	<u>a/</u>	5.84 - 6.08
Grapefruit	California	4.36 - 6.08	<u>a/</u>

a/ None quoted in cable. b/ Fair condition. c/ Poorly colored.

